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Title:

Beneficiation of Zircon

**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) and § 1.27(d)) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION University of Pretoria

ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION Lynnwood & University Roads, Hatfield, Pretoria, 0002,
Republic of South Africa

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

University or other institution of higher education
 Tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. § 501(a) and § 501(c)(3))
 Nonprofit scientific or educational under statute of state of the United States of America
(Name of State _____)

(Citation of Statute _____)

Would qualify as tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. § 501(a) and § 501(c)(3)) if located in the United States of America
(Name of State _____)

(Citation of Statute _____)

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e), for purposes of paying reduced fees under § 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, with regard to the above identified invention..

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above-identified invention.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing therein, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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